

SUNSHINE LAW MEETING
MINUTES OF THE HAWAII STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

STATE OF HAWAII

Date: Friday, September 21, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Hawaii State Ethics Commission Conference Room
American Savings Bank Tower
1001 Bishop Street, Suite 960
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: State Ethics Commission Members

Reynard D. Graulty, Chair
Ruth D. Tschumy, Vice Chair
Susan N. DeGuzman, Commissioner
Melinda S. Wood, Commissioner
Wesley F. Fong, Commissioner

State Ethics Commission Staff

Daniel M. Gluck, Executive Director
Susan D. Yoza, Associate Director
Nancy C. Neuffer, Staff Attorney
Virginia M. Chock, Staff Attorney
Bonita Y.M. Chang, Staff Attorney
Kee M. Campbell, Staff Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item No. I: Consideration and Approval of the Minutes of the August 16, 2018 Meeting

Vice Chair Tschumy made and Commissioner Wood seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. The motion carried (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman, and Wood voting).

Agenda Item No. II: Consideration and Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the August 16, 2018 Meeting (Regarding Discussion of Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA))

Vice Chair Tschumy made and Commissioner Wood seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting. The motion carried (Grauldy, Tschumy, DeGuzman, and Wood voting).

Agenda Item III: Akana v. Hawaii State Ethics Commission, Civil No. 18-1-1019-06 (JHA)

Executive Director Gluck reported that the Commission's Motion to Dismiss would be heard at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 10. He reported that the Plaintiff had not yet filed her opposition to the Commission's motion and that there had been no other filings.

Commissioner Fong joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda Item No. IV: Executive Director's Report

Education / Training Report

Executive Director Gluck reported that there are many trainings scheduled for the last few months of the year. Chair Grauldy asked who conducted the trainings; Executive Director Gluck responded that each of the attorneys conducts trainings throughout the year. There was a discussion regarding trainings scheduled for the week of October 22nd.

Guidance and Assignment Statistics – August 2018

Attachment 2: 2018 Guidance and Assignment Statistics

Executive Director Gluck reported that staff were able to close many cases in August. Additionally, in response to the Commission's question in August, he provided information regarding traffic to the Ethics Commission's website on Attachment 2. He stated that he was unable to determine the number of unique visitors to the site, or whether website visits came from inside the office or from members of the public, but the information was available for the Commissioners. The Commission discussed how best to publicize its work.

2018 Candidate Financial Disclosure Statements

Executive Director Gluck stated that there were 202 candidates for state office in the 2018 election cycle, 197 of whom have now filed their candidate financial disclosure statements. More than 75% of those (156) used the new e-filing system.

There are still 128 individuals who have not yet filed their financial disclosure statements, the vast majority of whom are board/commission members. Nearly all public filers – that is, individuals whose financial disclosures are public – have filed.

Miscellaneous Office Projects / Updates

a. Hiring of Investigator

Executive Director Gluck stated he was very pleased to announce that Jason Kamisugi would be the Commission's Investigator beginning on Tuesday, October 2.

b. Hiring of Office Manager / Secretary

Executive Director Gluck stated that the office is actively seeking a new Office Manager/Secretary. The Commission discussed ways to recruit new candidates.

ADJOURNMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW MEETING

At 10:20 a.m., Vice Chair Tschumy made and Commissioner Wood seconded a motion to adjourn the Sunshine Law meeting. The motion carried unanimously (Graulty, Tschumy, DeGuzman, Wood, and Fong voting).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes approved on: October 18, 2018